

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2017

Chairman Gary Johnson called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners John Berends, Gary Johnson, Glen Kack and Greg Renneke present. Also present were County Administrator Peg Heglund, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Marshall Independent reporter Jody Isaackson and Granite Falls Advocate Tribune reporter Alex Sina. Commissioner Ron Antony was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 03-28-17-01 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the agenda with the following change: remove 'accept petition for CD 36 and appoint an Engineer' from Regular Agenda and table until a future meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 03-28-17-02 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: March 14, 2017 County Board meeting minutes; rescind resignation of Jeanette Duis, full-time Correctional Officer/Dispatcher; Donation acceptance of \$1,000 from ML Corporate Ventures for the Chemical Health Coalition; hiring of Taylor Seehausen as a Social Worker, her salary will be grade 19, step 1, her start date is April 10, 2017; approve advertising for a seasonal Parks position; consideration of permanent status. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments None

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Kack reported on Fair Board Committee, Western Mental Health Center and Joint Ditch meeting. Commissioner Berends reported on Finance Committee, Labor/Management Committee, Southern Prairie Community Care (two meetings), Countryside Public Health, Prairie Waters (two meetings), Historical Society, whitewater park meeting, EDA daycare meeting and Joint Ditch meeting. Commissioner Johnson reported on EDA daycare meeting, Prairie Lakes, Joint Ditch meeting, Prairie Five, Clarkfield school task force and demolition sites (Hazel Run school and Clarkfield property). Commissioner Renneke reported on Posen Township meeting and Soil and Water Conservation District meeting.

Administrator Heglund's report included meetings attended, County Recognition Event and upcoming Administrator review. Administrator Heglund's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Conditional Use Permit Request YM-579-17, David Eid 03-28-17-03

Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning commission to approve conditional use permit request YM-579-17 for David Eid, Montevideo, MN to construct a 5 megawatt Solar Garden on approximately 33 acres located in part of the northwest one-quarter (NW ¼) and part of the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter (N ½ SW ¼) of Section 33 in Stony Run North Township T-117-N R-40-W. The site is located in the Rural Preservation Management District. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section VI, Subdivision 2.0, requires a Conditional Use permit for Solar Energy Farms.

Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-579-17 for David Eid with the following conditions:

1. Except for designated roadways, the project area shall be re-vegetated as a low-growing, pollinator friendly native prairie. The vegetation in the project area shall be maintained to promote the pollinator friendly native prairie and to limit any noxious weeds.
2. Prior to construction, a bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$125,000 (5mw x \$25,000) shall be submitted to the Yellow Medicine County Land & Resource Management Office to cover the costs of decommissioning and site restoration upon project termination.
3. Upon expiration or revocation of this permit or voluntary termination of the project, the operator and/or landowner shall dismantle and remove from the site all solar panels, mounted steel posts and beams, inverters, transformers, overhead and underground cables, buildings, foundations and roads, within six months of termination.
4. Testing for stray voltage that is a result of the project shall be conducted by a third party consultant at the start of operation and shall be completed annually for three years. After that point, it shall be completed once every five years. Results shall be submitted to the Yellow Medicine County Land & Resource Management Office within 30 days of testing. The costs for said testing shall be paid for by applicant and/or operator.
5. Construction shall be limited to daytime working hours.
6. All State and Federal requirements must be met.
7. If the Township Road is damaged due to construction activities, the applicant shall be responsible to repair it to pre-construction conditions. All construction traffic shall access the site from the north, off of US Highway 212. The Yellow Medicine County Highway Department shall inspect the condition of the Township road before and after construction.
8. Parcels 17-233-3010, 17-233-3031, and 17-233-3030 shall not be subdivided.
9. Two rows of evergreen trees, with a minimum height of 6 feet shall be planted and maintained in a manner as to completely screen the solar panels. Trees shall be placed on the north, east, and south sides of the solar array. The trees on the south shall run from the southwest corner of the site extending 1,400' to the east.
10. A 6' high chain link fence shall be installed and maintained surrounding the entire site.
11. Applicant/operator must follow all provisions of the Wetland Conservation Act.

Motion carried with Commissioners Berends and Kack voting in favor and Commissioner Renneke voting against. Commissioner Johnson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Fair Board Donation Request 03-28-17-04 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the donation request from the Fair Board in the amount of \$7,000 for one more year. Motion carried with Commissioner Renneke, Kack and Berends voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

The board recessed for break at 10:51 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

Award the bid for the base/bituminous on CSAH 34 03-28-17-05 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to award the bid to Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$1,431,926 for aggregate base, bituminous paving and shouldering on CSAH 34 from TH 212 to B4 (length 3.74 miles).

Department/Program Updates

Don Mock and Larry Stoks, Highway/Parks Department, gave an update. The board directed the Parks Department to look into a grant for a possible playground at Timm Park. The board also directed them to get quotes on possible electrical and water hook-ups at Oraas Park as well as adding a gate that will close the park during the winter months.

Regular Agenda (continued)

Teamsters Labor Contract 03-28-17-06 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the Teamsters labor contract for 2017-2019. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

BCBS Agreement 03-28-17-07 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the agreement between Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Yellow Medicine County Family Service Center for Home and Community Based Elderly Waivered services. This is an updated agreement to allow payment to the Family Service Center. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Business Associate Agreement with Genoa Pharmacy 03-28-17-08 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Business Associate Agreement with Genoa Pharmacy. This is a new agreement that allows case managers to arrange medication refills for their consumers via a Pharmacist at Western Mental Health Center. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Other Business None


Informational February Vendor Payments, Out of Home Placement Information and Letter from DHS regarding financial reporting

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 03-28-17-09 Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Berends to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$5,888.90 Ditch Fund, \$177,229.73 Revenue Fund, \$16,305.52 Road & Bridge Fund, \$75,782.90 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Adjourn 03-28-17-10 Motion by Commissioner Berends and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to adjourn at 11:57 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:



Gary Johnson, Chair

Attest:



Peggy Heglund, County Administrator